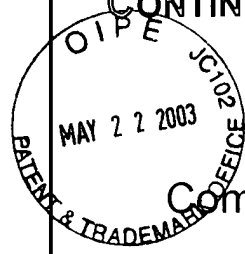


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b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Checks in the amount of \$750 and \$1450 are enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any variance between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Docket A-67412; Our File 468972-00006/RFT/RMS/RMK).		

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This amendment is in response to the final Official Action dated May 30, 2002. A Notice of Appeal, a three month extension of time, and the necessary fees were filed on November 22, 2002 and received by the USPTO on November 27, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on or before May 27, 2003, with a Petition for a Four Month Extension of Time, a Request for Continued Examination and the necessary fees. Although Applicants do not believe any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our order no. 468972-00006/A-67412/RFT/RMS/RMK).